



2017 – 2018

TEACHER INNOVATION GRANTS

CALL FOR PROPOSALS
DEADLINE: MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2017

This year, awards will be granted in four divisions:

- Early Childhood/Elementary School
- Middle School
- High School
- Districtwide

ASDF MISSION

The mission of the Allentown School District Foundation is to encourage, promote and support innovative educational experiences for students in the Allentown School District.

TIG PURPOSE

Since 2010, the Allentown School District Foundation has invited full-time ASD teachers, guidance counselors, coaches and nurses to submit proposals that enhance learning in the classroom and beyond. The goal of the Teacher Innovation Grant (TIG) program is to increase student interest in learning by providing educators an opportunity to exercise their passion for creative solutions by applying unique educational strategies. TIG encourages the ASD faculty to develop ideas, partner with families and colleagues and tap into the wealth of knowledge, expertise and talent globally available in today's world.

INNOVATIVE GRANTS

Your project must go above and beyond the customary classroom requirements of the current curriculum and never before have been implemented in your building. The project should be designed to expand and enrich the knowledge base beyond current academic requirements and/or support new teaching practices to support the learning process.

FUNDING AMOUNT

Teacher Innovation Grant are awarded up to \$1,200.00.

KEY DEADLINES

- >Proposal deadline: Monday, October 16, 2017
- >Announcement of awards: Wednesday, November 22, 2017
- >The 3rd Annual TIG Celebration: Monday, June 4, 2018.
- >Final evaluation report: Friday, June 22, 2018.
- >Grant funds must be accounted for in the ASD Foundation administrator's office by June 22, 2018.

WHO MAY APPLY?

All full-time Allentown School District professionals—ASD educators, guidance counselors, coaches and nurses—involved in the teaching of ASD students in our 24 public schools.

GENERAL GUIDELINES

To be considered for funding, a project must meet the following criteria:

- 1) The proposal must address innovative educational practices.
- 2) Projects may integrate one or more of the following: new technologies, unique teaching strategies or experiential learning.
- 3) Project must take place in the 2017-2018 academic year: during, before or after school.
- 4) Project cannot be an activity that is typically supported by the building budget.
- 5) Project must have the potential to be duplicated in order to reach and impact a significant number of students.
- 6) Project must support the academic standards from the Pennsylvania Department of Education and the goals of the Allentown School District.
- 7) Project must be approved by the ASD Foundation's Board of Directors.
- 8) ASD building principals must sign off on the proposal cover sheet to show support for the project.
- 9) An evaluation of the TIG project is required at the end of the project.

PROJECT SCORING CRITERIA (0-5 POINTS TOTAL)

CRITERIA	RATING SCALE
Objective(s): The proposal clearly states project objectives and how the project will enhance the existing curriculum and align with the PA Department of Education standards.	0-5 points
Educational Methodology: The proposal clearly describes the activities and methods used to accomplish the objectives and the benefit of the educational strategy (with no duplication of expenditures by the school district).	0-5 points
Innovation: The proposal describes the degree to which creativity of a new idea impacts an educational practice and explains the potential educational benefits for other students, schools and/or staff members.	0-5 points
Evaluation Plan: The proposal describes how each objective(s) will be assessed and how pre- and post-data will be collected. Qualitative impressions are also important in addition to the quantitative data provided.	0-5 points
Equity, Academic Impact and Priority Need: The proposal takes into consideration these additional measures that may have an impact on students, the school and/or the district, given the potential scope of the project, and its benefit, if expanded one day, to a wider range of students.	0-5 points
TOTAL SCORE	25 points

BUDGET: In addition, the proposal must present a realistic budget that effectively supports the project, and does not exceed \$1,200.

ALLOWABLE COSTS

Materials/Supplies: directly related to development or implementation of the educational activity

Travel: reimbursement of school bus (provide purpose and destination of trip, # of buses needed)

Printing: photocopying and other print materials associated with the program

Guest presenter/Speaker fees

Student fees: costs associated with registration or admission fees

NON-ALLOWABLE COSTS: Teacher salary/stipend(s)



2017-2018 TEACHER INNOVATION GRANT PROPOSAL SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

The proposal application must be received by the Allentown School District Foundation by **MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2017**.

The original signed application must include:

- Proposal Cover Sheet (attached), plus
- 1-page proposal narrative (please address criteria from page 2 in this narrative)
- Budget and budget narrative (a brief explanation of use of funds)

Email your application package to ASDF Administrator Vicki Newhard, at newhardv@allentownsd.org or send to ASD Foundation, Administration Building, via district mail.

Any questions? Please contact Susan Williams, Executive Director, at williamssu@allentownsd.org or 484-765-4093.

Please note:

- Any previously awarded TIG proposals must be resubmitted as a new program proposal using the appropriate application process, as available at www.allentownsd.org/asdf, under About Us, Foundation Forms.
- Every grant proposal will be evaluated on the exact merits submitted. There will be no changes to the grant submission. If selected, the grant will be honored in the manner it was submitted, including budgetary provisions.
- Every educator who submits grant that is not selected for funding will receive a letter of explanation, if requested.